

कृषक विकास एजेंसी, सूखाप्रस्त क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम तथा कमाण्ड क्षेत्र विकास आदि जैसी अन्य केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत प्राबन्धियों की ऐसी केन्द्रीय सहायता सुलभ की जाती है, क्योंकि इन क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत प्राबन्धियों से यह प्रत्याशा की जाती है कि वे इन योजनाओं के अधीन लाभ उठाएंगे। आई० टी० डी० पी० क्षेत्रों जहाँ इस योजना के अन्तर्गत प्राबन्धी सहायता के लिए पात्र होंगे, के संबंध में अपवाद रखा गया है।

(ग) व (घ). चूंकि इस योजना के अन्तर्गत उपलब्ध निधियां सीमित हैं, अतः इस योजना के कार्यक्षेत्र का उन क्षेत्रों में विस्तार किया जाना संभव नहीं हो सका है, जहाँ लघु कृषक विकास एजेंसी, सूखाप्रस्त क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम तथा कमाण्ड क्षेत्र विकास जैसी अन्य केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की योजनाओं को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है। इसके अलावा, समन्वित ग्राम विकास कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत अभी परिकल्पित नवीकृत प्रयासों के साथ यह आशा की जाती है कि उन क्षेत्रों जो इस योजना के कार्यक्षेत्र से बाहर हैं में इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत फालतू भूमि के प्राबन्धियों की आवश्यक सहायता सुलभ की जा सकेगी। योजना के कार्यक्षेत्र का अन्य क्षेत्रों में विस्तार करने से इस योजना के अन्तर्गत निधियां बहुत कम प्राप्त हो सकेंगी।

Functioning of Regional Committees and Achievement Audit Committees under ICAR

4108. SHRI A. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many high-level bodies constituted for guiding agricultural research and education have been dormant for the past one year or so and that the Eight Regional Committees set up in 1975 have not met at all and that the Achievement Audit Committees are not functioning;

(b) whether the recommendations made in 1978 by the Review Committee on Agricultural Universities headed by Dr. M. S. Randhawa have not been implemented as yet;

(c) whether as a result of dereliction of the aforesaid duties by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, several scientists working in the I.C.A.R. started leaving the institution causing thereby an erosion of scientific knowledge and experience in the institution; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) No, Sir. None of the high-level bodies constituted for guiding agricultural research and education had been dormant for the past one year or so.

The eight Regional Committees set up in 1975 have met 25 times till June, 1980. Ten Achievement Audit Committees are functioning. Three more Achievement Audit Committees have been constituted.

(b) Immediately on receipt of the report of the Review Committee of Agricultural Universities headed by Dr. M. S. Randhawa, it was forwarded to the Universities by the ICAR and by Minister (Agriculture and Irrigation) to all Chief Ministers. Recommendations of a financial nature which exclusively concerned ICAR were incorporated in the Sixth Plan proposals. Other recommendations have been regularly reviewed in the Vice Chancellors' meetings held twice a year and also in the regional committee meetings. Some of the recommendations which would require approval of the State Governments and involve amendment of Acts and Statutes have been communicated to the respective State Governments.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. In the light of the new personnel policy enunciated below, there is no reason for scientists working in ICAR to leave the organisation causing any erosion of scientific knowledge and experience in the institution.

I.C.A.R. has developed a new personnel system and the Agricultural Research Service was started from 1-10-1975. Three of the most significant features of the new personnel policies are:—

(i) No scientist needs to move hereafter from his/her field of specialisation just for the sake of an

improvement in salary; a scientist doing his/her job with dedication and distinction can hope to get the highest salary possible within the organisation without recurring application and competition with professional colleagues and without having to shift to a research management position;

(ii) Every scientist may have to help for some time during his/her career to solve the problems of neglected and tribal areas; and

(iii) All research management and coordinating positions will be filled up on a tenurial basis, so that no scientist needs to give up his/her active research career for too long.

**Central aid for bamboo plantation in
Konkan region of Maharashtra**

4109. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) is it true that there is a possibility of large scale bamboo plantation in the Konkan region of Maharashtra with Central assistance so as to help the manufacture of paper; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to examine the matter expeditiously and give central assistance for bamboo plantation in the backward Konkan region of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI DIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Locust Threat

4110. SHRI SHANTARAM:
SHRI CHIRANJI LAL
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received report that Locusts are threatening to stage a come-back less than a year after the reported abatement of the winged menace and are likely to reach India from African deserts through the Indian coastal States; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to meet the situation arising out of the likely invasion of Locusts and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) No, Sir. There is no such report from any authentic source.

(b) During the breeding season, the locust Warning Orgn. of the Government of India is kept in a state of alert. Some of the important steps taken to guard against damage by any possible invasion in the current season are:

(i) The Locust Warning and Control Organisation has been alerted to intensify the surveillance along Indo-Pakistan border.

(ii) A meeting was held by the Plant Protection Adviser and Director Locust Control, on 29-4-1980, with Locust Officers, FAO Regional Locust Officer, Director of Agricultural Aviation, State and Central Plant Protection Officers, of the Scheduled Areas to review the preparedness of the Organisation and to take appropriate measures in areas of possible breeding;

(iii) Control equipment, vehicles and insecticides in the Locust Warning Organisation have been kept in readiness;